

Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail

Progress ReportSummer 2014



Administrator's Corner

Greetings,

The staff at Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT) Administration continues to work to raise the visibility and promote knowledge of the epic 1877 flight of the Nez Perce, and preserve the NPNHT through collaboration and partnering with organizations and individuals.

Stay tuned for our Fall Progress Report where we will highlight many of our collaborative efforts taking place this summer.

A portion of our vision is that future generations will enjoy and preserve the NPNHT and commemorate the inspiring historic accomplishments of the flight, including the compelling multi-cultural, still largely untold stories of events surrounding the Trail.



Have you witnessed the awe-inspiring power of the NPNHT? The Trail is full of memory-making adventures. So whether you're a first-time visitor or resident expert, start your adventures off right with a visit to our website www.fs.usda.gov/npnht.

We invite you to discover this Trail that is uncommonly rich in history. It's easy to find something to do. We invite you to journey the Trail and our Auto Tour Route to enjoy the many different facets of the Trail where thousands of years of history still lives today.

Early summer is especially scenic when the Trail lights up with colorful wildflowers and dramatic vistas. Hikers can enjoy a forested layout that hosts abundant wildlife. The Trail cuts through a variety of landscapes, beckoning equestrians of all abilities. There are numerous cultural events to entertain and educate. Exciting museums and panoramic Scenic Byways, Historic All American Highways, and Wild and Scenic Rivers will surely rejuvenate the spirit. Family fun includes experiences that youth of all ages and their pets can enjoy while exploring the Trail. Arrive curious and leave inspired.

Respectfully,

Sandi McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT

Public Meetings Scheduled for NPNHT Comprehensive Plan Revision

On October 6, 1986, Congress amended the National Trails System Act (NTSA) of 1968 to include the 1,170 mile Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT). The NPNHT includes a designated corridor encompassing 4,161 miles of roads, trails and routes. The Regional Forester of the Northern Region is delegated the responsibility from the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service for the day-to-day administration of the NPNHT in cooperation with other affected Federal Agencies. The Chief is the deciding official for revision of the NPNHT Comprehensive Plan (CP). Upon the signature of the Chief the revised Plan will then be submitted back to Congress to be incorporated in the Congressional record for the NTSA.

From September through early October 2014, the NPNHT staff will host a number of public meetings asking for specific feedback regarding the objectives and practices to be included in the revised CP. The full schedule is listed at the bottom of page 3.

The 1990 CP for the NPNHT successfully established the start-up of the Trail which was the major focus for the plan at that time. The revision is needed because many current issues along the Trail did not exist in 1990. Some issues include energy, housing, and infrastructure development near and within the NPNHT corridor. The revision provides an opportunity to increase consistency and cooperation with organizations and individuals. A revised CP will enhance compliance with the requirements of the NTSA which include the provision of guidance in achieving nature and purposes of desired future conditions for the NPNHT. The revised CP will address administrative objectives and practices which will guide and direct all federal, state and local agencies that have management responsibilities for the NPNHT.

The staff will be asking for specific input on proposed administrative objectives and practices including: width of the trail corridor, management guidelines for cultural sites, interpretive plan objectives, elements of the historic preservation program, criteria for adding additional historic sites through the site certification processes, scenic integrity objectives, tribal use of the Trail, and practices addressing visitor use capacity on the Trail segments. Natural resource protection practices in the revision will include outlining when there may be proposed seasonal Trail closures.

The agency will make a decision reaffirming the Trail tread as equestrian and hiking only along the full 1,170 mile length, not just on National Forest System lands. The public will be able to review the initial management objectives and practices for the 2,991 miles of existing auto tour routes. The following paragraphs contain examples of potential objectives and practices that could be part of the revised NPNHT Comprehensive Plan.

There will be a list of communities and tribes that have expressed an interest in developing future recreation facilities and partnerships for tourism along the Trail. Additional communities, tribes, and local governments are encouraged to participate in these meetings to highlight how the Trail can develop economic and tourism opportunities for their areas in this revised plan.

There will be a review of existing and proposed associated connecting and side trails. An anticipated decision will be authorizing the Southern Nez Perce Trail as a designated side trail. Instead of extending the Trail's beginning and terminus the agency is proposing to add side trails from Joseph, OR, to Minam, OR, and the Bear Paw Battlefield to the Canadian border north of Malta, MT. Objectives and practices will be established for Trail relocation.

There will be discussion about the list of 79 high potential historic sites as to which of these should be studied further for protection and which should be removed from the Trail. These meetings will allow agencies, states, tribes, and public to bring new potentially historic sites to be added to the list for further study and future protection. Some sites that have already been brought forward to the Trail staff, are: the Canyon Creek Field Hospital location that includes Calamity Jane's home, Chief Joseph's and Yellow Wolf's grave sites, expansion of the Fort Leavenworth exile holding site, and the location of the military graves at Custer Battlefield National Cemetery. There will be a review of the seven high potential historic trail segments, and the potential for agencies, states, tribes, and publics to bring forward additional areas where historical trail tread may exist as an addition to the Plan.

The Trail has developed historical maintenance standards for historical tread that will be finalized in the Plan. There is the potential for the NPNHT historical maintenance standards to be adopted by the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail through this process. The Plan will propose to co-locate auto tour road signs, trail markers, and interpretive sites with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in sections where both Trails are located.

Additionally, the agency will be developing the legal description of the proposed trail right-of-way as a process that will be concurrent with the revision of the CP. This process will set the legal trail corridor description which is necessary as part of the process to develop the Trail land acquisition program. The right-of-way description document will be signed by the Chief of the Forest Service after consulting with the Governors of each state along the NPNHT. This legal description is required under the NTSA for each national scenic and historic trails. The agency is asking the tribes, states, local governments, landowners, and communities to start assisting the federal agencies in the location of this trail at this time. (*continued page 3*)

Bust of Chief Joseph Dedicated at Kayak Park



A life-size bronze bust of the historic Nez Perce leader Chief Joseph was unveiled at a ceremony on May 26, 2014, at Kelly's Whitewater Park Visitor Center in Cascade, ID.

The ceremony also marked the opening of a display, "Nimiipuu – We the People," according to the Park's Gallery Committee Chairperson Jonne Hower.

Representatives of the Nez Perce Tribe and their Drum group attended the Ceremony in honor of the statue's unveiling.

"We are pleased to illustrate the history and culture of the Nez Perce tribe here in Long Valley," said Kristina Pickard.

The bronze bust of Chief Joseph was commissioned by the Pickards and will be permanently displayed at the Kelly's Visitor Center.

"The statue is one of a series created by sculptor Meera Censor to honor individuals who have used the power of spiritual insight and nonviolence for the upliftment of others," said Pickard.



Following the ceremony, the Pickards invited everyone to visit the 2014 display that features a beaded buckskin dress and a beaded buckskin shirt and leggings that are on loan from the Nez Perce Tribe. In addition, the display features historical photographs dating back to the early 1900s.



"The images in the display provide a brief glimpse into a culture and a way of life that relied on the turning of the seasons, rather than meetings scheduled on a calendar," said Aaron Miles, National Resource Manager with the Nez Perce Tribe.

Contemporary photographs complete the display.

Historically, the Nez Perce Tribe would travel here to Long Valley to fish for the salmon, pick berries, and dig camas. The Nez Perce Reservation is located in northcentral Idaho. Tribal headquarters are located in Lapwai, ID.

For more information, contact directors@kwpid.com.

Note: Ms. Censor also gift a bronze bust of Chief Joseph to the to NPNHT in 2003 which is on display at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center.

Comprehensive Plan Revision Public Meetings (cont.)

For additional information please visit the NPNHT CP Revision website at: www.fs.usda.gov/npnht/. This website provides more information about the process for the revision of the CP, a schedule of upcoming public meetings, an additional means to provide written comment if people are unable to attend one of the following scheduled meetings.

- Sept. 03, 2014, 7-9 p.m. MDT, Lolo, MT (Travelers Rest State Park)
- Sept. 08, 2014, 7-9 p.m. MDT, Idaho Falls, ID (Forest Service/BLM Office)
- Sept. 09, 2014, 7-9 p.m. MDT, Cody, WY (Big Horn Bank)
- Sept. 10, 2014, 7-9 p.m. MDT, Billings, MT (BLM State Office)
- Sept. 16, 2014, 7-9 p.m. MDT, Lewistown, MT (BLM Lewistown Field Office)
- Sept. 17, 2014, 7-9 p.m. MDT. Chinook, MT (Chinook Motor Inn)
- Sept. 22, 2014, 7-9 p.m. PDT, Kamiah, ID (515 Main St. Emergency Services Bldg.)
- Sept. 23, 2014, 7-9 p.m. PDT, Spalding, ID (Nez Perce National Historical Park)
- Sept. 24, 2014, 7-9 p.m. PDT, Enterprise, OR (Wallowa Valley Chamber Bldg.)
- Sept. 25, 2014, 7-9 p.m. PDT, Pendleton, OR (Umatilla National Forest Office)
- Sept. 29, 2014, 1 p.m-3:30 p.m. MDT, Virtual Meeting, additional information will be posted on the NPNHT website soon.
- Oct. 09, 2014, 7-9 p.m. PDT, Grand Coulee, WA (Grand Coulee Senior Center)

Julie Molzahn, CP Revision Coordinator, NPNHT

Challenge Cost Share Applications Due Earlier in 2014

The public is encouraged to propose projects designed to improve and enhance the visitor's experience along the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT). The submitted projects will be considered for the 2015 project year funding. Project funding is made available through funds designated to administer the NPNHT. **Completed applications must be post marked by October 1, 2014.**

The purpose of the Challenge Cost Share Program (CCSP) is to increase participation by qualified partners in the preservation and improvement of federally managed natural, cultural, and recreational resources; in all authorized programs and activities; and on the NPNHT. The Forest Service and partners should work together on CCSP projects with mutually beneficial and shared outcomes.

The CCSP is a matching fund program. An equal amount of eligible and matching share (50% preferred) of cash, goods, or services from non-federal sources is necessary. Currently, the maximum CCSP award is \$30,000. Projects selected should generally be able to be completed within one year.

A list of 2014 NPNHT Challenge Cost share recipients can be found in the Trail's spring 2014 Progress Report.

Project application forms and instructions for completing the application are available at the NPNHT website at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/npnht/partners or from the Administrator of the NPNHT located at the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Office in Orofino, ID.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their forms electronically. E-mail applications to Sandi McFarland at npnht@fs.fed.us. Proposals may also be mailed to: NPNHT Administrator, 12730 Highway 12, Orofino, ID 83544.

For additional information applicants may contact Sandi McFarland, Administrator NPNHT at (208) 476-8334.

Culvert replacement work on Saddle Camp Road 107 Continues

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests recently started work on culvert replacement at Mile Post 4.2 on Saddle Camp Road 107, which is a connecting road between the Lolo Motoway, a segment of the NPNHT, and U.S. Highway 12 in central Idaho.

A road closure will be in effect from Mile Post 0.0 to 4.2 for approximately 8 weeks starting July 7, 2014.

Work includes replacing an undersized culvert with a bottomless arch culvert to allow for aquatic organism passage. Once work is finished on the culvert, work will begin to replace an undersized pipe arch culvert with a 60 foot span bridge at Mile Post 0.5 on Road 107.

Saddle Camp Road 107 is one of the main access routes to Lolo Motorway Road 500. This work will not allow public access to Highway 12 from Road 500 via Road 107.

An alternate route is Doe Creek Road 566. From the junction of Road 500 and 566, travel down Road 566 to the junction of Road 108 (Waw'Aalamnime Creek). Proceed down Road 108 to the junction of Highway 12 at Mile Post 154.

For more information, please contact Stephan Frazier at (208) 926-6408.

Updated NPNHT Auto Tours 1, 6, and 7 Available Soon

The staffs of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) and Recreation Solutions are in the final steps of updating and reprinting three NPNHT Auto Tour brochures. These brochures are Auto Tour 1 from the Wallowa Valley of Oregon to Kooskia, ID, Auto Tour 6 Through Yellowstone National Park, and Auto Tour 7 from the east side of Yellowstone National Park to Canyon Creek near Laurel, MT. We would like to thank everyone who took time to provide feedback on these brochures, helping to ensure a quality and accurate product for NPNHT visitors. They are currently at the printer and we anticipate delivery in early August.



Explore More as Montana State Parks Celebrates 75 Years

This year Montana State Parks is celebrating their 75th Anniversary. You are invited to "Explore More," in adventures to excellent places to go hiking, fishing, swimming, camping, boating, and picnicking. Learn about the seven National Historic Landmarks and the additional historic treasures of two National Historic Trails: the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail and the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail.



Check out the hosted educational tours and interpretive talks at Stateparks.mt.gov.



Bannack (photo above) and Travelers' Rest (photo right) State Parks are a couple of Montana State Parks located along the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail

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Staff Ride Handbook and Atlas: Battle of White Bird Canyon

Combat Studies Institute (CSI) Press is pleased to announce the publication of Staff Ride Handbook and Atlas: Battle of White Bird Canyon, 17 June 1877 by Charles D. Collins, Jr.

The Staff Ride is a historical study of a campaign or battle that envisions a systematic preliminary study, an extensive visit to campaign sites, and an opportunity to integrate lessons derived from each. A significant component of this detailed study is the analysis of the terrain over which the action took place and the effect of that terrain upon the battle or campaign. It is this three dimensional visualization of the battlefield that separates a staff ride from a battle analysis.

CSI's first staff ride handbook/atlas hybrid details the road to war between the Army and the Nez Perce and analyzes the Army's disastrous first engagement in the war. This work offers the flexibility to discuss tactics, leadership, operational warfare, and cultural awareness.

To request of a copy of this publication contact the CSI Staff Ride Team at (913) 684-2131 or fill out an online request at: http://usacac.army.mil/cac2/csi/SRTeam.asp

Staff Ride Handbook and Atlas Battle of White Bird Canyon 17 June 1877

Charles D. Collins, Jr.

Combat Studies Institute Press
US Army Combined Arms Center
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Hats Off to Smokey Bear

This August marks the 70th anniversary of Smokey Bear. Smokey "the" Bear was popularized by the Eddie Arnold song in the 1950s so many people insert "The" when it really is just Smokey Bear. Smokey was first created by FCB West in partnership with U.S. Forest Service, the National Association of State Foresters, and the Ad Council in 1944. The Wildfire Prevention campaign is the longest running, and one of the most successful, PSA campaigns in American History. Ninety-six percent of the U.S. adult population recognizes Smokey Bear, while 70 percent can recall Smokey's "Only you can prevent forest fires" tagline without prompting.



"Few advertising icons have become as much a part of the American vernacular as Smokey Bear," said Peggy Conlon, soon-to-be-retired president and CEO of the Ad Council. "Smokey's persistent popularity from generation to generation is not only a testament to the quality of work done on his behalf, pro bono by FCB, but also ensures that his legacy will be one that results in continued impact in the area of wildfire prevention."

For Smokey's 70th birthday, FCB West worked with Butcher Editorial to create two new PSAs (running in both 30 and 15 second versions) that celebrate Smokey's milestone, while still spreading his message of forest fire prevention. Each of the PSAs directs viewers to www.SmokeyBear.com where they can sign a wildfire prevention pledge, learn safety tips, and access a wealth of current and past Smokey content.

A hat belonging to National Forest Service illustrator named Harry Rossoll, was recently presented to the Smithsonian. Rossoll, who died in 1999 at age 89, didn't create the Forest Service mascot, but after World War II he began drawing the weekly "Smokey Says" cartoon that appeared for decades in some 3,000 newspapers and made the firefighter the nation's most recognized ursid this side of "Yogi." Even after Rossoll retired from the Forest Service, in 1971, he remained a popular lecturer. He had modeled Smokey's hat. He took it to a Georgia elementary school in the 1970's when he spoke to some students. He left it with a teacher where it stayed until recently when she and the Forest Service donated it to the American History Museum in Washington D.C., just in time for Smokey's 70th Anniversary.

Sandi McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT, with some Information from Smithsonian.com

You Breathe What You Burn

Arsenic, carbon monoxide, benzenes, dioxins, mercury, formaldehyde, particulates, and hydrochloric acid. These are some of the toxins you might be breathing by burning trash in your campfire.

Use a camp stove. Burning garbage in campfires is unhealthy and illegal, so please burn only wood. Use existing fire rings. Pack out all garbage and food scraps.

To learn more please visit the following Leave No Trace website. https://lnt.org/blog/burning-trash



Be Safe in Your Travels



The Staff of the NPNHT want your experience along the Trail this Summer to be a safe one.

Please take a few minutes to review the Trail's Safety and Ethics Website before you begin your journey: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/npnht/ethics

Also check weather reports and call ahead for road conditions at 511.

There are links to a number of webcams from the NPNHT website.

Road Trip Redefined

Welcome to the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT)!

While most road trips have a planned itinerary, a journey through the NPNHT Auto Tour (AT) Route is a destination in and of itself. Thank you for your interest in traveling the Trail and associated Auto Tour Route. We designed the Auto Tour Brochures to inform and inspire your NPNHT travel decisions, including the areas you'll visit, and what you will do in between.

Do you know where you want to go on the Auto Tour Route? We identify eight brochures to assist traveling segments of the route. The brochures for each NPNHT Auto Tour segment are as follows:

- 1. Wallowa Valley, Oregon, to Kooskia, Idaho
- 2. Orofino, Idaho to Lolo, Montana
- 3. Lolo, Montana, to the Big Hole National Battlefield, Montana, through the Bitterroot Valley
- 4. Big Hole, Horse Prairie and Lemhi Valleys
- 5. Leadore, Idaho, to Yellowstone National Park, Montana
- 6. Through Yellowstone National Park
- 7. Yellowstone National Park to Canyon Creek, Montana
- 8. Canyon Creek to Bear Paw



These brochures are available at Forest Service offices and other federal and local visitor centers along the route. They can be downloaded from the NPNHT website at www.fs.usda.gov/npnht/

As you travel this historic trail, you will see highways signs marking the official Auto Tour Route. Each mainstream Auto Tour Route stays on all-weather roads passable for all types of vehicles. Adventurous and Rugged Routes are an alternative for those seeking the most authentic historic route. They are often on gravel or dirt roads and traverse more remote locations. Please inquire locally as to current road conditions along the Adventurous and Rugged Routes.

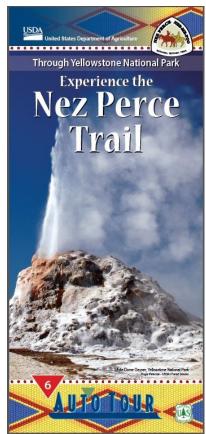
Travel Tools: The Auto Tour brochures have the tools you'll need to navigate the five states, including maps, visitor information centers, and other helpful travel planning resources.

Please let us know what you think of the ATs, or tell us about your most recent trail travel adventure. We love a good story! Email us at nphht@fs.fed.us.

On the next page of this Progress Report take a couple of minutes to complete our "Let Us Know What You Think," survey to assist us in making our Auto Tour brochures the best possible.

See you on the NPNHT Auto Tour! The NPNHT Administration Staff.

Sandi McFarland, Administrator, NPNHT



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In order to serve you better, we are continuously looking for feedback on how to make our Auto Tour Brochures more helpful for your visit to the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT).

Please take a few minutes to fill out our brief survey below-your responses and feedback will be much appreciated.

Responses can be mailed to:

Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, NPNHT, PO Box 7669, Missoula, MT, 59807

This survey is also conveniently located online at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HTTCXT7

- 1. How helpful was the information in the NPNHT Auto Tour Brochures? (circle one response)
- Very Helpful /Somewhat/ Not very /Not At all

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- 6. What did you like about the Auto Tour Brochure?
- 7. What would you change about the Auto Tour Brochure?

Other comments

Jackson Sundown Inducted in the Idaho Hall of Fame



Legendary rodeo star Jackson Sundown is a 2014 inductee into Idaho's Hall of Fame. To commemorate the event, the Nez Perce Tribe hosted a reception and exhibit at the Clearwater River Casino and Hotel outside Lewiston, ID. The event was held on July 18 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The public was invited to this free event.

Jackson Sundown was one of the people featured in the Idaho State Historical Society's "Essential Idaho" exhibit for the Territorial Sesquicentennial. Born in 1863, he tended the horse herd during the Nez Perce Flight of 1877, and was among Chief White Bird and the tribal members who escaped to Canada. He later returned to Idaho, and made his living by breeding and selling horses. Sundown also became one of the world's most accomplished rodeo riders. In 1916—at the age of 53, a man twice the age of many of his competitors—Sundown earned the title "World Champion Bronco Rider." His stunning performance at the Pendleton Round-up in Pendleton, OR, that year was the subject of Ken Kesey's popular novel, The Last Go

'Round. Also, it was well known that Jackson Sundown beaded his own

gloves that he wore. In the corner of his gloves he beaded the initial JS.

The photograph (*on right*) is of Annette Burke and Adeline Sundown Adams during the ceremony of inducting Jackson Sundown, Adeline's father, into the Pendleton Round Up Hall of Fame in 1972. The Round Up committee discovered that Adeline was the daughter of Jackson Sundown and this is the picture with her in front of the main Round Up Grandstand. Adeline did not speak English but spoke Nez Perce, Yakama, Salish, Crow, and Lakota. Adeline spoke to the crowd and Annette interpreted what she said. It is reported by family members that all the people in the Grandstand stood up for her and Annette when they went around in the horse and buggy carriage. Adeline faithfully attended the Round-up every year. She lived in Ronan, MT.



Jackson Sundown is buried near Jacques Spur, ID, where he lived near the creek at Jacques Spur.

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24th Annual Tamkaliks Celebration

Tamkaliks celebrated their 24th Annual event that was held July 18 through 20, 2014, at the homeland of the Wallowa Band Nez Perce in Wallow, OR. Roll call of dancers and social dancing started at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 18. On Saturday, July 19, the annual horse parade was held at 9 a.m., and there were two competitive dance sessions starting at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The celebration continued on Sunday with Washat Service (*a religious service*) at 9 a.m. and the ever popular friendship feast at 12:45 p.m. Championship dancing continued at 2 p.m. Anna Osana, Volunteer Feast Coordinator reported that 450 plates of food were served.



U.S. Forest Service booth at the Tamkaliks celebration



Tamkaliks shawl dancers

The special feature this year was a Big Drum Contest, which put four person teams in the spotlight to recognize singers/drummers

and their skills. The poster and t-shirts highlighted the artistic work of John Conner (*on right*). John Macy Conner, or JC (1950 -2006), was a member of the Nez Perce Tribe, and he created art for more than three decades-often under the label "Dreamer

Arts" in tribute to the Dreamer religion and the Wallowa Band of Nez Perce or non-Treaty Nez Perce. He painted prolifically on tapestries, clothing, canvases, tipis, gym floors, and walls.

Mr. Connor also sculpted, carved, and sketched. Many tribal folks knew him through the pow wow circuit as an avid and accomplished fancy dancer and a drummer. He studied art at the Institute for American Indian Arts in Santa Fe and the Art Institute in Portland, OR. Another of John's works graced the Tamkaliks program and t-shirts in 1999.



Art work by John Macy. Conner, courtesy of Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center



This year a new entrance sign, which was a competitive challenge cost share agreement between the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail and the Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center, was unveiled *(on left)*.

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Katherine Daisy Redheart Powaukee

Katherine Daisy Redheart Powaukee was born July 9, 1929, in Lenore, to Jesse and Lucy Redheart. She was called home Friday, June 27, 2014, surrounded by her closest loved ones. She was 84 years old. Katherine had six brothers and sisters, Jesse (Ty) Redheart, Lucille Wilson, Matthew Greene, Larry (Idaho) Greene, Thomas Redheart (all deceased), and Geneva Towner, all of Lapwai, ID.

She was adored by many because of her charismatic personality that could light up a room with her magnetic smile and contagious laughter. Her kind heart always made everyone feel welcomed; however, her quick wit always kept you on your toes. She had a love of life and an adventurous nature. Her strength was admirable and inspiring.



Additionally, she enjoyed teaching, attending powwows, root digging and huckleberry picking, camping, singing Nez Perce-translated hymns and going to sweat. She was an avid traveler who embraced her culture as a Nez Perce tribal member. She attended numerous memorials yearly honoring her elders before her, thereby having the capacity to teach about the significance and respect of history and of perpetuating Nez Perce ways.

She was proud to be a descendent of Chief Redheart. Chief Redheart and his band of 33 Nez Perce were in Montana buffalo hunting when the Nez Perce War of 1877 broke out. They were captured under the direction of General O. Howard, despite having not participating in any prior altercations. The band was sent by boat down the Columbia River to Fort Vancouver in Vancouver, Wash. During their imprisonment, only one infant died. The Redheart band was released in 1878. The Redheart band is also known for its Appaloosa horsemanship.

Katherine received her high school diploma from Lapwai in 1949 and attended Lewis-Clark State College afterward for a couple of years. She married Richard H. Powaukee Sr. (deceased) in 1950 and gave birth to six children. She brought in several nieces and nephews into her home to be raised as her own. As a true Lapwai Wildcat, she attended and enjoyed watching her kids, her nephews and nieces, grandchildren and great-grandchildren play at their sporting events. She was known to always be in the stands clapping, cheering and sometimes challenging a call or two. She received the Idaho State Sportsmanship of the Year Award in 2011.

She retired with a longtime achievement award from the Nez Perce Tribe after working more than 20 years as a preschool teacher for the Head Start program. She continued her work with the Clearwater River Casino as a floor attendant in bingo, where she enjoyed her final retirement. She spent the later part of her days watching Lapwai High School basketball, traveling to powwows and sharing her lively sense of humor. She always put her family first, even before her own needs; her love and strength left a strong bond in her children.

The survivors include Darryl (Butch) Powaukee of Roosevelt, Utah, Richard (Bud) Powaukee, Donald (Toosh) Powaukee, Alene (Sis) Powaukee, Edith (Wook) Powaukee, all of Lapwai, and Kris Powaukee of Pendleton, Ore. She had 21 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Memorial and funeral were held recently in Lapwai,

Information originally published in the Lewiston, Idaho, Morning Tribune, July 1, 2014

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News From the Nez Perce Trail Foundation

The second quarter of 2014 has proved to be a very busy and challenging time for the Nez Perce Trail Foundation (NPTF).

Jim Evans first visit to the Camas Meadows Battle site was in 1985 when Jim

served as the Chief Guide for the Appaloosa Horse Club during their annual Chief Joseph Trail Ride. At that time Jim helped place a memorial sign telling the history of the site known as the "Frying Pan." In 2004 Jim put together a funding package on behalf of the NPTF to include a number of partners for the express purpose to protect, preserve, and to tell the story of Camas Meadows. A portion of the package was set aside for the preservation of "Bugler Brooks" grave site which is located on private property. In years past a local historical group has maintained the area around the grave site. This year Jim supervised a clean up and fix up project that was accomplished by the Ennis Montana Boy Scouts of America. In addition, the scouts placed an informational sign at the grave site. This project is just another example as to what can be achieved when individuals and groups come together in a partnership to accomplish the development and upkeep of sites along the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail.



Pictured L-R: Jim Evans, O. J, Palmer, Ray and Kevy Vadnai at the grave of Benard A. Brooks who was killed at the Camas Meadows battle. The grave site is on property owned by the Vadnai's.



April was particularly busy for Karen Heagen who serves as Secretary of the NPTF. On April 19, 2014, Karen attended the 17th annual Red Heart Memorial Ceremony which was held at Ft. Vancouver, WA (*photo left*). The event honored those members of Chief Red Heart's band who were unjustly arrested and then incarcerated at Ft. Vancouver upon their return from the buffalo country in 1877. The annual Memorial is a reminder for those who had relatives in Red Heart's band, as well as recognizing veterans of all the wars. The Memorial also serves to preserve the history of the Nez Perce Tribe as well as bridge the differences between the white and Indian cultures. On the previous friday, Karen attended a memorial dinner which was hosted by the Wood family for Tribal members, close friends, and family members. Lt. C.E.S. Wood served under General Howard, but after completing his duty, became sympathetic to the Nez Perce plight. The dinner is a

reconciliation of the past and promotes the forging of new relationships between the groups.

On June 17, Karen represented the NPTF as she also attended the 137th memorial commemoration of the White Bird battle between U.S. Army forces and members of Nez Perce bands that had been traveling to the reservation in Lapwai, ID. This battle marked the beginning of the 1,170 mile journey know known as the "Nez Perce National Historic Trail." The White Bird Memorial began with an opening prayer and words of thanks to all who traveled to White Bird. The memorial continued with a pipe ceremony for veterans of all wars, followed by a talk session that was open to everyone who wished to speak about whatever was on their minds. White Bird is a memorial to people that really did not wish to be involved with a war. White Bird is attended by descendants of people who wanted to live at peace in their homeland. (*continued on page 13*).



The NPTF Board of Directors (BOD) has begun a process to reorganize the structure of the Foundation. Jim Evans, who has served for many years as the Executive Director of the Foundation will no longer serve in that capacity. Jim's past accomplishments as Executive Director cannot be overstated. The many hours of service and the massive amount of miles driven are proof of Jim's dedication to his work which was also his passion. The BOD are most grateful for the years of commitment and service Jim gave to the NPTF as Executive

Director. A great deal of thanks needs to be extended to Ryan Allen who has served as Treasurer for the foundation for several years. Ryan has also decided to vacate his position as Treasurer and we sincerely appreciate the long hours Ryan has given to the Foundation relative to this critical position.

For many years Ruth Wapato has served as our Membership Chairman and unfortunately Ruth has decided it's time to step down from the membership position. For those who know Ruth, she has served as one of our leading advocates in the promotion of the NPTF. Her knowledge surrounding the history of the Nez Perce culture, family histories, and details of the Nez Perce War are inspiring. We will miss her membership reminder post cards but we are reassured that she will continue to be an advocate for the Nez Perce National Historic Trail and the Foundation.

Board member Matt Nowak, NPTF Board Member, will be assuming the duties of Membership Chairman. Matt is located in Leavenworth KS. Currently Matt is pursuing the goal of creating an appropriate historical memorial at the incarceration site of the Nez Perce during their encampment at Ft. Leavenworth. We are grateful that Matt has volunteered to serve as our Membership Chairman.

Jim Zimmerman President Nez Perce Trail Foundation

UPCOMING Events:



August, 2014 — Summer Speaker series continue at Big Hole Battlefield, Wisdom, MT

August 7-10, 2014—Omak Stampede and Pow Wow, Omak, WA

August 9, 2014 — Big Hole Battle Memorial, Wisdom, MT

August 15-17, 2014—Chief Looking Glass Days—Kamiah, ID

September 27, 2014 — National Public Lands Day (fees waived at National Public Lands Agencies)

October 4, 2014 —Bear Paw Memorial, Chinook, MT

October 17-19, 2014 — Hiitem Waq'iswit Pow Wow, Lapwai, ID

October 27-30, 2014— National Historic Trails Workshop, Salt Lake City, UT

November, 2014 — Native American Heritage Month

November 7-8, 2014—Veterans Day Pow Wow, Nespelem, WA

November 11, 2014 — Veterans Day Weekend (fees waived at National Public Lands Agencies)

November 14-16, 2014 — Young Nations Pow Wow, Lapwai, ID



The Idaho State Historical Society is expanding the Idaho State Historical Museum and developing world-class exhibits to inspire and invite exploration and discussion of Idaho's past, present and future. Authorized by the Idaho Legislature in 1939, the original museum was completed in 1950 and is one of several facilities overseen by the Idaho State Historical Society. The museum was the first in Idaho and one of the first in the West to be accredited by the American Association of Museums in 1972. The new Idaho State Historical Museum will feature enhanced opportunities for Idaho students, families and visitors. It will connect us with our statewide community while presenting an unparalleled exhibition experience. The museum expansion and renovation is critical now more than ever because ...

- History touches us all.
- History helps us understand where we are today and empowers us to make choices for the future.
- Lessons from the past create an informed citizenry and deepen our connection to our communities.
- History compels us to think critically beyond our assumptions and emboldens our pursuit of a connected life.
- · History promotes economic opportunity through tourism.



We need your input now to include your thoughts and opinions as we develop our museum. A hallmark of my administration is listening to the public. We want to hear from you now and your opinions will help make our new museum something at brings great pride to Idaho. Please take our survey at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Idahomuseumsurvey

From the newsletter of Idaho Governor, C.L. "Butch" Otter



News From the National Park Service:

Nez Perce National Historical Park

A new temporary exhibit has been installed at the Spalding, ID, Visitor Center featuring the music and instruments of the Nez Perce. Items in the display include older pieces such as drums, flutes, and eagle bone whistles up to modern day band

instruments. It also includes a Gramophone with wax cylinders that belonged to Mylie Lawyer (photo right). This exhibit will be in place through September.

This year the Park hired five local youth to serve on the Youth Conservation Corps crew at Spalding. They will be involved in cultural and natural resource management projects, maintenance and visitor services.

On July 16 historical architect and conservator Frederick L. Walters returned to complete a condition assessment of the St. Joseph's (Slickpoo) Mission. The



Catholic mission was established by Father Joseph M. Cataldo, S.J. in 1874, and expanded in 1904, to convert and serve Catholic members of the Nez Perce Tribe. For years, the church was the center of a Catholic boarding school complex on Mission Creek Road, between Lapwai and Culdesac, ID. John and Joetta Pfeifer acquired the building, and in 1965, the former church became a component site of Nez Perce National Historical Park. The condition assessment is a joint project of the Park and the Idaho Heritage Trust, of which Walters is a board member. Upon its completion, the Park will have a basis to work with the mission's private landowner and her family on a strategy to preserve and maintain the historic structure.



In June work was undertaken to rehabilitate the Agency Cabin at Spalding by the Park's maintenance staff with assistance from Mike Anderson, a carpenter from Mount Rainier National Park who specializes in historic structure preservation. The building, originally constructed in 1862, was updated with a new cedar shake roof, a new sill log on the river side, and new siding. The cabin will be used as a Junior Ranger Station on weekends this summer. (photo left)

Each spring Nez Perce NHP resource staff continues a monitoring project for camas at Weippe Prairie. Camas lily (Camassia quamash) is a perennial bulb-producing plant that was and remains one of the most widely utilized traditional plant foods of the Nez Perce people, and was a focal resource at the historical event memorialized today at Nez Perce National Historical Park's Weippe Prairie. Lapwai, Nezperce, and Timberline high schools all participated in this year's monitoring efforts.

Preliminary results indicate camas populations are stable.

Park staff are undergoing a small mammal inventory at Weippe Prairie from 2013-2016 to determine what and how many species occupy the site and to assess whether an increased water table will adversely affect them. After analyzing the dentition (teeth) of specimens from 2013, it was found that vagrant shrews (Sorex vagrans) and meadow voles (Microtus pennsylvanicus) are the primary small mammals inhabiting the site.

The Park is currently in the initial stages of a pilot wetland restoration project in an effort to restore historic camas populations on the Weippe Prairie. As part of a 3 year study, Park staff and high school interns monitor a network of shallow groundwater wells and ditch gauges for the Park-owned section of the prairie. Results from this study will inform management decisions regarding future long-term restoration projects across the site.

> Terry O'Halloran Chief of Interpretation Nez Perce National Historical Park



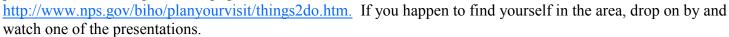
News From the National Park Service:

Big Hole National Battlefield

Big Hole National Battlefield hosted another successful Coyote Camp in May. Almost 1,000 students visited the Park that week and for the first

time we had really good weather. Cultural demonstrators from the Nez Perce Tribe were on hand as well as Park staff, and as usual, a lot of hard work on their behalf paid off. The students, teachers and chaperones all seemed to enjoy themselves and people came away knowing a whole lot more about the Nez Perce and the events of 1877.

Our summer speaker series began June 28 and runs through August 17. To find out who is speaking on any given weekend please visit our "Things To Do" page on our website.



The Big Hole webcam http://www.nps.gov/webcams-biho/battlefield.jpg got an update this spring and it is now possible to see what the temperature is outside. So, when you are wondering just how cold it is at the Big Hole this winter, you can go online and find out.

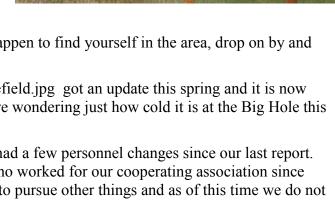


The Park has had a few personnel changes since our last report. Lisa Smith, who worked for our cooperating association since 2011, has left to pursue other things and as of this time we do not have a replacement. We did welcome a new permanent maintenance worker in June when Bryan Smith transferred to Big Hole from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Bryan replaces Jimmer Stevenson who moved into our Lead Maintenance Position this past fall. We have a full staff at Big Hole and Bear Paw.

The Park recently installed some new signs directing visitors to the Park. Those are pictured on this page.

Of course, the regular programing is in full swing at the Park with ranger led walks and talks daily. Come visit the Park this summer or fall.

Steve Black, Superintendent Big Hole National Battlefield



Big Hole

Battlefield

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News From the National Park Service:

Bear Paw Battlefield

Range Days come to Bear Paw Battlefield

On June 24, 2014, the annual Range Days was hosted by Hill County. Range Days is a three-day event to teach students of all ages about identifying plants and assessing land for ranch use. This 38th year of Range Days was attended by 210 people in Havre, MT. A tour to the battlefield and museums in Chinook were two of the special events offered to participants.

Stephanie Martin Park Ranger, Bear Paw Battlefield



Ranger Jim Magera leads an interpretive walk at Bear Paw Battlefield for Montana Range Days.



News From the Forest Service Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

Next Phase of Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Plan Revision begins

Rick Brazell, Forest Supervisor of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests, announced the next phase of revising the Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan (the Forest Plan). The Forest has released the proposed action for the Forest Plan and is asking for additional public input. For the last 20 months, the Forest has engaged the public in collaborative public participation efforts which have been instrumental for providing input into development of the proposed action.

The Nez Perce and Clearwater forest plans were written in 1987 and the forests were administratively combined in 2013, resulting in need for revision. The Forest is an early adopter of the 2012 Planning Rule which guides the planning process.

Public comments will help the Forest identify issues and develop alternatives for analysis in an Environmental Impact Statement. Comments or questions about plan revision can be submitted to fpr_npclw@fs.fed.us. For those who prefer regular mail, written comments can be mailed to Forest Plan Revision, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests, 903 3rd Street, Kamiah, ID 83536. In addition, geographic-specific comments can be submitted via the Collaborative Mapping Website at http://my.usgs.gov/ppgis/studio/launch/4290.

More information about the plan revision process visit:

http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/nezperceclearwater/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprdb5447338



News From the Forest Service

Lolo Pass Visitor Center Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

This year, Discover Your Northwest sponsored the 7th annual Mountain to Meadow Half Marathon and 5K Fun Run at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center. Race participants enjoyed the Camas in Packer Meadow in full bloom, as well as a spectacular showing of Bear Grass. The course takes participants by

historically significant sites along the Nez Perce and Lewis and Clark National Historic Trails. The theme of this year's race was Wilderness, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Joining in the celebration was the Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Wilderness Foundation, the Subaru Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers, and several animals from the Forest Service Northern Region Pack String.

June 28th was the official grand opening of the new Glade Creek Connection Trail (*photo right*) at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center. The Glade Creek Connection Trail is a fully accessible loop trail that connects the Wetland Trail around the Visitor Center to the Glade Creek State Park Overlook Trail. The trail features benches and interpretive signage for visitors to enjoy. The



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construction of this trail was made possible by partnerships between the U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, The Nez Perce Tribe, and Discover Your Northwest. Discover Your Northwest was able to contribute funds raised from previous Mountain to Meadow events to help make this accessible trail a reality.

In partnership with Bonneville Power Administration the Nez Perce Tribe and Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests continue to celebrate their successful Watershed Restoration Partnership (WRP). The WRP originated in 1996 to address issues related to the 1995-96 flood events, legacy resource damage, and future environmental needs. The Nez Perce Tribe, Department of Fisheries Resource Management, Watershed Division, and the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests are dedicated to preserving and protecting salmon and steelhead habitat for current and future generations. This partnership is a direct result of that dedication. The WRP is placing a sign at Lolo Pass to celebrate the partnership and hosted a dedication ceremony on July 18, 2014. Please stop by and take a moment to read the sign and enjoy your Lochsa River Watershed!

Buffie Cerutti, Manager , Lolo Pass Visitor Center Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

New Faces Along the Trail:

Jennifer Hensiek Selected as Missoula District Ranger

The Lolo National Forest has selected Jennifer Hensiek, currently the Deputy District Ranger on the Flagstaff Ranger District on the Coconino National Forest in Arizona, as the new Missoula District Ranger. She will report to her position at the end of July.

Jennifer graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry. She also earned a Master of Science in Resource Recreation and Tourism from the University of Idaho. She has been a Forest Service employee for 15 years.

Jennifer got her start with the Forest Service as a temporary employee working on a summer Wilderness trail crew on the Nez Perce National Forest (now the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest) in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. She went on to work as biological technician for the Rocky Mountain Research Station Forestry Sciences Lab in Moscow, ID. Subsequent positions included Recreation Program Manager on the Clearwater National Forest and North Zone Recreation Staff for the Boise National Forest in Idaho.

Jennifer is married and has a six-year-old daughter. Both she and her husband enjoy skiing, mountain biking, fishing and camping.

Previous visits to western Montana led Jennifer to be interested in returning to live and work here. She said she is excited about the opportunities that exist on the Missoula Ranger District and the Lolo National Forest.

"I applied for the Missoula Ranger District position because I enjoy working with active and interested communities. I look forward to building on and creating new partnerships in Missoula."

New Faces Along the Trail:

New Ranger on the Bitterroot National Forest West Fork District

Ryan Domsalla is the new West Fork District Ranger on the Bitterroot National Forest. He follows Dave Campbell, who retired last winter after his 17 years at the post had made Campbell the longest-serving ranger in the entire Northern Region of the U.S. Forest Service.

The remote station on the edge of the largest wilderness area in the lower 48 states already feels like home to a man who grew up in a small Wyoming town. "There are so many similarities to where I grew up," he said. "Most of my best memories are tied to public lands."



Domsalla started his Forest Service career as a firefighter in 1993 based out of Douglas, WY. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology with an emphasis on wildlife from the University of Wyoming in 1995. Since then, he's worked in a variety of jobs ranging from wildlife management to GIS mapping and finally to supervisory posts, most recently on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in Arizona. During a seven-year stint on the Lolo National Forest, Domsalla had the opportunity to learn a bit about the West Fork and its unique history of allowing wilderness fire to take its natural course.

"I knew this was a very desirable place for a lot of people," he said. "There is a large of amount of land available for recreational use and good accessibility to wilderness. And, of course, it's renowned for its fire management for other resource benefits in the wilderness," Domsalla said. "I have an open door policy, "I'm happy to sit down and talk with anyone who comes in the door. I know all about the ties communities have to these public lands. "I recognize that communities depend on us economically and personally."

Ryan and his wife Debra have three boys, Brandon, Jacob, and Chance, who range in age from 11 to 3. (*information provided by Perry Backus Ravalli Republic*)

Pena Named Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region

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Jim Pena began his Forest Service career in Oregon more than 35 years ago. Next month, he will return as Regional Forester to lead the agency in Oregon and Washington.

Peña, who will start August 3 in the Portland, OR, Region 6 headquarters, is presently Associate Deputy Chief for the National Forest System in the agency's Washington, D.C., national headquarters.

"We are fortunate to have Jim as our next Regional Forester," said Maureen Hyzer, Deputy Regional Forester who is acting Regional Forester until Pena's arrival. "He brings a rich background of service at many levels of the organization, and will lead our efforts to foster forest resiliency through collaboration."

Pena has led the National Forest System programs of Forest Management, Range Management, Engineering, Recreation/Heritage/Volunteer Programs, Natural Resource Management, and Watershed/Fish/Wildlife/Air/Rare Plants.

Prior to coming to this position, he was the Deputy Regional Forester for State and Private Forestry in the Pacific Southwest (California) Region. Pena also brings experience from

multiple agency wide special assignments such as Acting Director of Human Capital Management, agency liaison to Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, the reengineering team for Human Resources, and the National Fire Management Review.

He has held positions as forest supervisor, deputy forest supervisor, and district ranger beginning in 1991 in California, Oregon and Washington.

Pena began his career with the Forest Service as a forester trainee on the Rogue River National Forest in 1978. He graduated from Humboldt State University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in forest resource management in 1980. Pena is a member of the Society of American Foresters. He lives in Fairfax, VA, with Debbie, his wife, and two sons.

Pena succeeds Kent Connaughton, who retired last week after a 36 ½ year career with the Forest Service.

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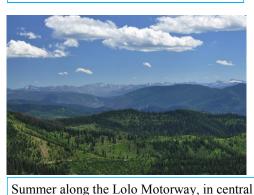
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Summer Along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail



Even on July 10, you might still find snow (foreground) along parts of the NPNHT. Jospeh Overlook north of Enterprise, OR. Marc Blackburn National Park Service



Idaho. July 2014. Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service

Bear Grass blooming along the Lolo Motorway. July 2014. Roger Peterson, U.S. Forest Service







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